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Route To: Carrie E. Smith

Subject: Big Hope Fire Salvage and Restoration Report, TNF CRR R2014051700007

To: Forest Supervisor, Tahoe National Forest

The Section 106 inventory for the Big Hope Fire Salvage and Restoration Report has been completed. Nolan Smith, District Archaeologist, and James White, Archaeological Technician, American River Ranger District, prepared the inventory report. Carrie E. Smith reviewed the report and has determined that the work has been completed in accordance with provisions of the *Programmatic Agreement Among the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region (Region 5), California State Historic Preservation Officer, Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Process for Compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Management of Historic Properties by the National Forests of the Pacific Southwest Region* (Regional PA 2013). The file designation for this proposed undertaking is R2014051700007.

The Big Hope Interdisciplinary Team has proposed various treatments on 10,572 acres. The proposed management activities include salvaging fire-killed conifers; falling and/or removing hazard trees along roads and trails; masticating vegetation in areas that will be planted; planting burned areas with conifer seedlings; maintaining and repairing existing roads; and constructing temporary roads.

In the fall of 2013 and over the winter of 2014, approximately 5,101 acres were surveyed in support of the proposed salvage and restoration areas as defined in the Big Hope proposed action. Additional inventory may be needed as there are 296 acres within the APE that have no cultural resource inventory; these specific areas will need either to be assessed for resources at risk or to be surveyed prior to any proposed project layout and implementation. Additionally, 5,175 acres within the APE represent acres with previous inventory. The district archaeologist may need to have cultural resource resurvey performed within this areas prior to project layout and implementation. The project manager will need to confirm additional cultural resource needs with the district archaeologist. There are 56 sites within or adjacent to the APE.

Protection of the 56 sites within or adjacent to the APE will be in accordance with the Standard Protection Measures as outlined in Appendix E of the *Programmatic Agreement Among the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region (Region 5), California State Historic Preservation Officer, Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Process for Compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Management of Historic Properties by the National Forests of the Pacific Southwest Region* (Regional PA 2013).

As outlined in Appendix E, management practices include but are not limited too: flagging and avoiding sites, establishment of buffer zones, directional felling of trees away from sites, crossing of linear features, removal of hazard or salvage trees from within sites with prior written



approval of the Forest Heritage Program Manager, no tree planting inside of sites, and post project site monitoring to ensure implementation of the Standard Protection Measures was met.

This letter will be placed with the environmental documentation for the project to document Forest Service compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). A copy of the report and this letter shall be kept in the district cultural resource inventory files. This concludes the agency's obligations defined in Section 106 of the NHPA for this undertaking. If cultural resources are located because of activities associated with this project, all work near the cultural resources will cease until the district archaeologist can assess them and the provisions of the Regional PA dealing with unforeseen circumstances and inadvertent effects are met. If you or your staff has any questions, or the need for additional information arises, please contact Nolan Smith, American River Ranger District Archaeologist at (530) 367-2224.

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District Ranger

Enclosure

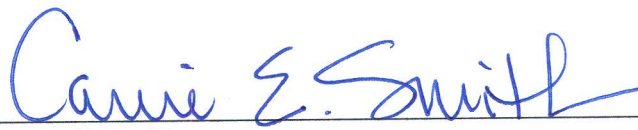
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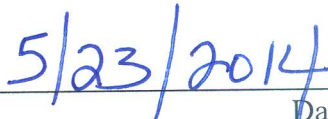
Inventory/Identification Report

I certify that this undertaking:

- ☐ Is an undertaking with no historic properties (Stipulation 7.8(a) Regional PA).
- ☒ Is a no adverse effect with implementing standard protection measures (Stipulation 7.8(b)(2)(a)).
- ☐ May affect National Register or eligible properties.
- ☒ Meets professional standards and is consistent with provisions of the Regional Programmatic Agreement (2013).

The signature below concludes the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Public Law 89-665; 16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*) compliance process.


Carrie E. Smith,
Heritage Program Manager


Date